

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2020

6:00 PM

Clarendon County Council

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman A.C. English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: The Manning Times, Jake McElveen

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Nehemiah Conyers	Willie Briggs	Robert Pegram
Clayton Pack	Seal Felder	Jennifer Powell	Charlotte Johnston
Diane Georgia	G. Lane	L. McPherson	Barbara Ferrell
Johnny Wilson	Patricia Pringle	Tammy Rodvansky	Linda P. Lemon
And Other Clarendon County Residents			

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. He thanked everyone for coming. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for January 13, 2020.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, December 9, 2020.

3. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, HR Director, presented four employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

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| • Terry Lee, Jr, | 10 Years | Charles E. Eaddy | 20 Years |
| • Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson | 25 Years | Councilman Billy Richardson | 25 Years |

4. Budget Schedule

Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2020 Budget Schedule.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2020/2021 Budget Schedule.

5. Presentation – Mayor Julia Nelson

Mayor Nelson began her presentation by thanking Council for allowing the City to make this presentation. She stated that the City would like to have a park in all city districts. Mayor Nelson continued by stating that District 4 and District 5 do not have a park. She continued by stating that the city is requesting the property across for DHEC which is Parcel Number 187-03-03-018-00. She concluded by requesting to have that parcel of land deeded to the city for Public use.

- Administrator Epperson stated that this would be a good use of the property and we would need an agreement with the city.
- Vice Chairman Frierson stated that this would be an excellent joint project

6. Resolution 2020-01

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Resolution 2020-01 – A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, Tim Baxley, Sheriff of Clarendon County and the Town of Turbeville, South Carolina for the provision of Law Enforcement Services by the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office within the Town of Turbeville, South Carolina and Other Related Matters Thereto.

Administrator Epperson stated that the Town of Turbeville would disband their Police Department. He stated that the County would provide three deputies for that service at a rate of \$175,000. Administrator Epperson continued by stating that all ticket revenue would come to the County through the Magistrate Court.

- Vice Chairman Frierson asked what would happen to the current equipment
- Administrator Epperson responded by stating that all the current equipment would be transferred to the County, Vehicles, Weapons, etc. He continued that there would be a satellite office in the back of the Town Hall Building.

On motion by Councilman Blakely, and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to Resolution 2020-01 – A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, Tim Baxley, Sheriff of Clarendon County and the Town of Turbeville, South Carolina for the provision of Law Enforcement Services by the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office within the Town of Turbeville, South Carolina and Other Related Matters Thereto.

7. Ordinance 2020-01

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2020-01 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, In One or More Series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$850,00 for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, or Rehabilitating Various Capital Projects Related to Project Gamechanger; Authorizing the County Administrator to Prescribe the Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and the Disposition of the Proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for Borrowing in Anticipation of the Issuance of the Bonds; and Other Related Matters.

Mayor Nelson stated that she thinks that it would be a great investment and she thanked Council and George Kosinski, Development Board Director, for working hard with the project.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-01 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, In One or More Series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$850,00 for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, or Rehabilitating Various Capital Projects Related to Project Gamechanger; Authorizing the County Administrator to Prescribe the Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and the Disposition of the Proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for Borrowing in Anticipation of the Issuance of the Bonds; and Other Related Matters.

8. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,964,773 and Revenue figures were not available as of December 31, 2019.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$6,925 for the month ending December 31, 2019 and total Expenses were \$60,054. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of December 2019 after transfers with a Zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Operating Revenue of \$456,440 and Operating Expenses of \$317,699 as of December 31, 2019. He stated that after depreciation and Bond interest expense, Interest Income, and Grant Revenue, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Loss of \$152,852.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of December 2019 had a Cash Balance of \$2,241,428 of which \$1,317,174 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$924,254 as of the end of December 2019.

9. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- **USDA Phase II** – Work is continuing as planned. Due to extra funding that has become available within the project, we have made changes to the original plans to upsize lines and extend lines to an additional area within the project.
- **Phase III Water Project** – Currently waiting on approval from DHEC on well. We are in the process of scheduling a time to meet with DHEC to discuss the permit.
- **Clarendon County Fire Department-(Wyboo Station)** – Final items are being completed. We hope to be in the facility soon.
- **Capital Projects** - Projects are continuing. We anticipate the first phase of our recreation facility upgrades to be completed prior to the beginning of our baseball and softball seasons.
- **C-Funds** - Design of the projects has been completed and the projects should be bid very soon with work anticipated to start in early 2020.
- **Santee-Waterree RTA** - Last week I met with representatives from SWRTA regarding it proposed public transportation plan for Clarendon County. They are proposing to add 3 fixed route possibilities for Manning area and 4 part-time fixed routes to provide access to the County Seat for residents in Turbeville and Summerton as well as the Wyboo area. The recommendations also include a connection between Manning and Sumter.
- **Misc.** - County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 for MLK Day.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart stated that he attended the first graduation ceremony for Provalus at FE Dubose, and he believes that they will have some great employees.

11. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter.

On Motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue.

The Executive Session began at 6:34 pm.

12. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On Motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

The Executive Session Ended at 7:32 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council received information on the Candidates for the Assistant Administrator's Position. He stated that a candidate was selected, and Administrator Epperson would be making an offer to the candidate.

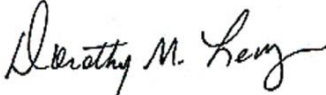
13. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

